

## PERSHING GOES TO CHIHUAHUA CITY TO IDENTIFY BODY OF BANDIT VILLA

### AUSTRIAN SHIP NOW VIOLATES U-BOAT PLEDGE

Relations With Germany Already  
at Breaking Point When  
Vienna Is Brought In.

### ATTACK WITHOUT WARNING

One American Wounded When  
Submarine Shells Russian  
Steamer Imperator.

With relation with Germany  
strained to the breaking point, the  
United States Government was  
brought into direct conflict with  
Austria today.

An official report to the State  
Department today told of the shell-  
ing without warning of the Rus-  
sian steamer Imperator by an Aus-  
trian submarine.

One American was wounded.  
Another was saved.

If the facts are shown to bear  
out the preliminary report the  
same demand for an accounting  
will be made upon Austria that is  
to be made upon Germany in the  
note now ready for transmission to  
Berlin.

### CONSULAR REPORT.

The attack upon the Imperator was  
reported by Carl Bailey Hurst, consul  
general at Barcelona, Spain. The State  
Department gave out the following  
paraphrase of his report:  
"Russian ship Imperator, cargo tim-  
ber, from Gulfport, Miss., to Mar-  
seilles, France, thrice shot at with  
cannon without warning. Vessel set  
on fire by Austrian submarine near the  
Columbrede islands."

"Two American citizens in crew, Gus-  
tave Olson and Abner Swenson.  
Former is now in hospital with shrap-  
nel wounds. Swenson is uninjured.  
Swenson's father is band leader at  
Fort Warren, Boston. Olson has brother  
who is foreman of Bergengarden Fur-  
niture at Minneapolis."

Secretary Lansing said he would de-  
sire further information before taking  
action.

Mr. Lansing also was unable to say  
whether the note to Germany would go  
forward today. He would not say that  
there was any reason for delay.

The Secretary denied that there had  
been any dispatches from Ambassador  
Gerard in the last forty-eight hours  
that had prompted a change in the  
plan of the Administration to dispatch  
the note to Berlin immediately.

No Advance Apparent.

Unofficially said Gerard had in-  
formed the State Department of a con-  
ciliatory attitude on the part of the Ger-  
man government that was expected to  
relieve tension over the submarine  
issue.

There is no apparent change in the  
intentions of the President to go ahead  
with his policy of demanding immedi-  
ately from Germany binding assurances  
of her intention to keep faith with the  
United States and live up to her pledges  
governing submarine warfare.

President Wilson has no appointment  
with Chairman Stone and Flood, of the  
Foreign Relations Committee of the  
two houses.

He is expected to confer with them  
before sending the new communication  
to Berlin. This gave rise to the belief  
that action will be deferred another  
day, until after the Cabinet meeting to-  
morrow.

Speediest of Aeroplanes  
Built for U. S. Flyers

Aeroplanes with a speed of 120 to  
135 miles an hour, matching the famous  
German Fokkers, soon will be ready  
for army.

Machines of the army Sturtevant  
type, with space sacrificed to speed  
and motive power, are being construct-  
ed at Newport News for Army, and  
incidentally, navy, use.

The aeroplanes will be among the  
fastest in the world, it was said to-  
day. They will outdistance by from  
thirty to thirty-five miles an hour the  
army and navy machines now in use.

### Wilson Greets D. A. R., Delegates Show Firm Preparedness Stand

President Pays His Respects to Patriotic Work of Na-  
tional Organization in Address—Daughters Ap-  
prove Program Which Provides Features  
Urging Defense of Nation.

President Wilson paid his respects to the patriotic work of the  
Daughters of the American Revolution at the opening of the afternoon  
session of the twenty-fifth continental congress, which began today at  
Continental Memorial Hall.

The President extended to the congress the greetings of the Na-  
tional Government.

Response was made by Mrs. William Cummings Story, president  
general of the D. A. R. Addresses were also made by Newell B.  
Woodworth, president general of the Society of Sons of the American  
Revolution, and by W. I. Lincoln Adams, president of the New Jersey  
S. A. R.

The firm quality of preparedness sentiments of the delegates was  
sounded at the first session, and the friends of Mrs. Story gained for  
their leader a vote of confidence which they believe is evidence of the  
way in which the factional disturbances which might break out during  
the congress will be settled.

### FIRST SHOW OF STRENGTH.

The first show of strength of the  
Story faction came rather unexpectedly  
after the presentation of the report  
of the program committee by Mrs. John  
Newman Cary, of Indiana. Mrs. Walter  
Weed, of California, immediately asked  
that a change be made in the program  
for the preparedness meeting to be held  
Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Weed said the D. A. R. re-  
spected all phases of the preparedness  
question and she did not believe a  
program should be presented to them  
with only one side of it presented.  
She asked that other speakers repre-  
senting other factions be given a place  
on the program and added that she  
did not want to see the D. A. R. made  
an adjunct to the Navy League.

This brought Mrs. Story to her feet  
with the statement that the prepared-  
ness feature of the program was one  
that was very close to her heart, but  
she did not believe anyone could find  
fault with the program as laid out.

She went over the various numbers that  
have been provided, and analyzed the  
program as a general, patriotic pro-  
gram.

"I do not find any connection be-  
tween any of the people on this pro-  
gram with the Navy League," said Mrs.  
Story. "On the contrary, I believe these  
patriotic people will give us a real  
statement of our condition. The motion  
picture feature, 'America Unprepared,'  
is an exact showing of the conditions  
that exist."

### Not Political Question.

"I want to say that this is not a  
political question, and that in a wide  
experience in connection with the sub-  
ject I have failed to find any member  
of the Navy League who has profited  
either in a pecuniary or a political way  
from the preparedness agitation."

The vote taken on Mrs. Weed's motion  
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### POLICEMAN KILLED BY OWN REVOLVER

Davis Found at Home With  
Wound in Forehead—Dies in  
Emergency Hospital.

Policeman William G. Davis, of the  
Fourth precinct, shot himself in the  
left side of the forehead with his  
police revolver at 6:45 o'clock this morn-  
ing. He died in Emergency Hospital  
shortly after 10 o'clock. He was at  
home at the time of the shooting.

Davis has been suffering acutely from  
sciatic rheumatism for several months.  
This morning upon arising he told his  
wife, Mrs. Hannah Davis, that he did  
not think that he would ever recover.  
He was deeply despondent and she tried  
to cheer him. He said that he did not  
feel able to work, and his wife urged  
him to take out a sick card at the sta-  
tion.

Mrs. Davis went down stairs to pre-  
pare breakfast. Shortly afterward she  
heard a shot. Hurrying back to the bed-  
room, she found her husband stretched  
on the bed with a bullet wound in his  
head.

Dr. Leon A. Martell, of 1339 Con-  
necticut avenue, was called. He ordered  
the wounded man to Emergency Hos-  
pital.

Davis lived at 635 I street southwest.  
He had been a member of the police  
force for fourteen years, coming to  
Washington from Charles County, Md.  
Captain Williams of the Fourth pre-  
cinct said today that Davis was an ef-  
ficient and industrious man, and one  
of the best on the force, and a man  
of exemplary habits.

Davis has one child, a son in his  
teens.

### Adlee Rowland Denies Alleged Pajama Role

CHICAGO, April 17.—"Ahaud! It's  
an unqualified falsehood," declared  
Adlee Rowland, actress, today, in  
denying the alleged pajama role in  
which Mrs. Robert A. Menges Corwin  
Hill Tarrle, wife of Conway Tarrle,  
actor, says she found Miss Rowland  
and her husband in the latter's apart-  
ment in New York.

Mrs. Tarrle has named Miss Row-  
land in her suit for divorce. Miss  
Rowland says she went to Tarrle's  
apartment to read over a play and  
that her sister chaperoned her.

2,000 Quit Work.

SYRACUSE, April 17.—Following a  
strike decision at a secret mass meeting  
Sunday afternoon, 2,000 machinists  
threw down their tools today and  
marched out. No disturbance were re-  
ported during the early hours.

### COURT ORDERS NEW TRIAL FOR W. E. AMBROSE

Justice Robb Reverses Con-  
viction of Embezzlement in  
Lower District Tribunal.

### FINDS NO EVIDENCE OF FRAUD

Opinion Also Declares Judge  
Erred in Not Admitting Tes-  
timony for Defendant.

William E. Ambrose, sentenced  
to ten years imprisonment on the  
charge of embezzlement in the  
District Supreme Court, will get a  
new trial. The District Court o.  
Appeals so decided today in re-  
versing the judgment of the lower  
court.

The reversal was based on er-  
rors of the lower court in failing  
to admit as evidence certain state-  
ments supporting the actions of  
the defendant, and in permitting  
the Government, over the objection  
of defendant's counsel, to inquire  
into various cases in which Am-  
brose had acted in a fiduciary ca-  
pacity prior to the case at bar.

### BASED ON LIMERICK CASE.

The Ambrose prosecution resulted  
from his services as guardian of the  
Limerick children. It was alleged he  
converted to his own use the fiduciary  
funds.

The opinion of the Appellate Court,  
written by Associate Justice Robb, in  
which the Chief Justice concurs, holds  
that the question of "evil intent to de-  
fraud" is an essential element in the  
crime alleged.

The Limerick funds were kept by Am-  
brose with his personal assets. Touch-  
ing on this fact, Justice Robb says:

"While, of course, it is the better way  
for a guardian to keep money of his  
ward entirely separate from his own,  
the mere fact that he does not do so  
affords no sufficient basis for a pre-  
sumption of evil intent."

### No Law Violated, Says Robb.

Referring to the Government's case,  
the opinion sums up the evidence  
against Ambrose as "tending to show  
conversion of funds."

No statute or rule of the court, Jus-  
tice Robb declares, was shown to have  
been violated, and "there was no evi-  
dence upon which the jury legitimately  
could have based a finding that there  
had been a fraudulent conversion of  
the funds."

The Appellate Court holds that the  
evidence offered by Ambrose showing  
payment to the wards of amounts due  
them, and which was rejected by the  
lower court, should have been admitted.

The trial court also is said to have  
erred in admitting "evidence of other  
similar offenses," when no connection  
with the case at bar was shown.

The prosecution of Ambrose in the  
lower court was handled by E. McCombs  
Hawken, then Assistant District At-  
torney. The case before the Appellate  
Court was presented by District At-  
torney Van Fleet on behalf of the Gov-  
ernment. Ambrose was represented in  
both tribunals by Attorney James S.  
Kasby-Smith.

### Three Held in Death of Boy From Drug Overdose

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—Two men  
and a woman, whom the police say are  
habitual drug users, were arrested to-  
day in the hope they can throw light on  
the death of fifteen-year-old Howard  
Berlin, who died from an overdose of  
heroin.

The police believe young Smith was  
a visitor at the trio's apartment before  
he was overcome.

### Drops Bombs on Deck Of North Sea Warship

PARIS, April 17.—A French aviator  
dropped sixteen bombs from an altitude  
of only 600 yards on the decks of a Ger-  
man warship in the North Sea, the war  
office announced.

The French plane flew so low that it  
is believed the bombardment had good  
effect.

Aviators were active last night on the  
Verdun front and east of the fortress,  
despite the heavy fog. French air  
squads bombed the railway sta-  
tions at Conflans, Farny, Arneville and  
Rombach.

### American Officers in Clashes With Mexicans



MAJOR R. L. HOWZE.  
COL. W. C. BROWN.

### FOOD RUSHED TO PERSHING'S FORCE

U. S. Commander Orders Re-  
serve Supplies and Asks for  
Scouts Who Know Country.

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 17.—Enor-  
mous supplies of reserve rations have  
been rushed to the United States  
troops in Mexico, "as a precautionary  
measure" an official of the quar-  
termaster's corps said today.

"There is enough food and other  
supplies in the field to carry the army  
to May 15, if no more is shipped," he  
stated.

Brigadier General Pershing ordered  
the reserve supplies, also urgently  
calling for civilian scouts acquainted  
with the region south of Parral. To  
the officers here this indicated that  
the report of Villa's body found had  
not been confirmed, and that Pershing  
intended to push farther south.

Fifty thousand reserve rations were  
rushed to the expeditionary forces in  
the last two days. Thousands of pairs  
of shoes and new clothes were trans-  
ported at the same time. Several car-  
loads of gasoline were forwarded in  
tank trucks.

Nearly 400 tons of foodstuffs left the  
base camp here in three motor truck  
trains Sunday. The last six truck car-  
avan, carrying another vast supply of  
food, left the base today.

### Obregon Telegraphs for Confirmation of Death

MEXICO CITY, April 17.—War Min-  
ister Obregon today telegraphed to  
Carlos Carranza, nephew of General  
Carranza, asking him to confirm, if  
possible, the report that Villa's body  
has been found.

In view of the numerous telegraphic  
reports from Chihuahua City and Juar-  
ez, officials were inclined to believe the  
news. It is pointed out, however, that  
similar reports have been spread by the  
Villistas to slacken the pursuit of the  
bandit leader.

General Carranza, busy with the res-  
toration of order in honor of his ar-  
rival, would make no comment today,  
either on the report of Villa's death or  
the negotiations with the United States.

### Gets New Assignment.

After two years' service as command-  
ing officer of the naval yacht Sylph,  
stationed at Washington, Lieut. H. E.  
Knauss has been relieved. He will be  
assigned June 1 to duty in connection  
with the fitting out of the battleship  
Arizona and will be assigned to that  
ship when it is commissioned.

Lieut. J. W. Bunkley has been de-  
tached from the Mayflower to com-  
mand of the Sylph.

### FUNSTON TO CONFIRM IDENTIFICATION WITH VILLA'S OWN DOCTOR

Sends for Physician Who Treated Bandit and  
Others Who Knew Northern Leader.  
Rioting at Chihuahua Due to Scarcity  
of Food and Supplies.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 17.—Brigadier General  
Pershing left Cusihuiriachic with a cavalry detachment to  
view the body being brought to Chihuahua, claimed to be  
that of Villa, it is announced at headquarters today.

Pershing should be able to give positive advices in a few  
hours as to whether the body is that of the fugitive bandit,  
unless the corpse is in such a condition as to prevent iden-  
tification.

Dispatches from El Paso state that a train carrying a  
party of Americans left there about daybreak for Chihua-  
hua City. Many of the party knew the bandit leader, and  
the purpose of the trip is to make a complete identification.

Juarez officials, who gave out the first reports of the  
finding of Villa's body, have received no official confirma-  
tion.

"It's a four-to-one shot that Villa is dead," is the way  
Consul Garcia summed the situation up this morning.

### SENDS FOR VILLA SURGEON.

Major General Funston today wired army officers at  
Douglas, Ariz., to look up a Dr. Wickman, who treated  
Villa for months last fall, and have him view the body. To  
make the identification more certain, Funston also sent out  
queries seeking other men who have known Villa more or  
less intimately during his recent career.

Funston declared he had no information on which to  
base a surmise that the body exhumed is Villa's. But he  
laid emphasis on the fact that the point where the body was  
found is near the region where Major Howze reported  
Villa's latest operations—the La Borja region. Howze  
knew beyond question that Villa was in that section, it is  
stated, but the time was not made clear.

### ESCAPED VILLA ARMY.

Dr. Wickman, who treated Villa for blood disease,  
was held captive for two months in order to assure the ban-  
dit medical attendance. He escaped the Villistas' army  
when the forces reached a point near Douglas, and army  
officials lost track of him.

Funston said he personally would not view the body,  
even if it were Villa's and brought to the border to be seen  
by the American officials.

No further information on the fight and rioting at  
Parral had reached headquarters today.

The only reports received stated that portions of the  
Tenth, Eleventh, and Thirteenth cavalry were now sta-  
tioned at Santa Cruz, prepared to defend the position or  
take up the pursuit again.

### Americans Sent South To Identify Villa Body

EL PASO, April 17.—If Villa is dead, as reported,  
army officials here are anxious that the body of the bandit  
leader be identified by Americans, as well as Mexicans.

A train left Juarez for Chihuahua before dawn today  
with a small group of Americans, including a number who  
knew him intimately. They expect to meet at Chihuahua  
the body taken from the lonely grave in the mountains  
west of Satevo which Carranza authorities say is that of  
Villa. The grave was pointed out by a former Villista  
colonel in return for amnesty.

It is generally supposed here that if Villa is dead the  
American soldiers will soon be withdrawn from Mexico.  
All indications are that this story of the Villa end is re-